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SUBJECT: BOYCOTT/BLOCKADE OF MEXICAN AGRICULTURAL PROD-
UCTS AT REYNOSA-MCALLEN BORDER

1. PRESS HERE GIVES EXHAUSTIVE COVERAGE MARCH 8 TO BOY-
COTT AND BLOCKADE ATTEMPTS BY US FARMERS OF MEXICAN AGRI-
CULTURAL PRODUCTS AT THE REYNOSA-MCALLEN BORDER, EMPHASIZ-
ING FOREIGN SECRETARY ROEL'S TELEPHONE CALL OF MARCH 7 TO
SECRETARY VANCE ASKING FOR USG INTERVENTION TO END THE
ACTION. MEDIA REACTION CABLE EN ROUTE.

2. SECRETARY ROEL TOLD ME THAT HE HAD MADE THE CALL TO
SECRETARY VANCE AT PRESIDENT LOPEZ PORTILLO'S DIRECTION.
ROEL SAID THE PRESIDENT WAS DISTURBED BY THE BORDER
BLOCKAGE AND BOYCOTT DEVELOPMENTS AND SAW THEM AS A NEG-
ATIVE FACTOR IN US-MEXICAN RELATIONS. ACCORDING TO ROEL,
PRESIDENT TOOK THE LINE THAT FIRST THERE WAS US RELUCTANCE
TO ACCEPT MEXICAN WORKERS, THEN UNWILLINGNESS TO PAY A
FAIR PRICE FOR IMPORTED MEXICAN NATURAL GAS, AND NOW ACT-
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ION TO BLOCK THE IMPORTATION OF MEXICAN FRUITS AND
VEGETABLES.

3. PRESIDENT HAS ASKED TO SEE ME EARLY AFTERNOON ON MARCH 9.
NO INDICATION HAS BEEN GIVEN OF WHAT HE WILL WANT TO DISCUSS,
BUT IT SEEMS LIKELY IN VIEW OF ROEL'S COMMENTS THAT HE
WILL RAISE THE BORDER BOYCOTT QUESTION. LUCEY

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